GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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REPORT ON CHILD EXPLOITATION
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the report on Child Exploitation 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether any estimate of the number of children engaged in hazardous and illegal occupation has been made; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Government is not aware of any such report. However, Government has conducted a national level study on Child Abuse which was released on 09.04.2007. Major findings inter-alia includes physical and sexual abuse of the children and emotional abuse and girl child neglect.

(c): Government is committed to elimination of all forms of child abuse.

(d) & (e): Decennial census conducted by the Registrar General of India is the most authentic source of data on working children. As per the 2001 census, the number of children working in hazardous occupations and processes is approximately 12 lakh.